

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please DO NOT allow the merger between EchoStar-Directv to go through. I have recently had a horrible experience with DishNetwork (EchoStar) over local channel programming. It appears that they deliberately market the availability of local channels through dishnetwork, but they hide/or at the very least are not clear and upfront about needing a second dish to get all your local channels. It has been a pain to get a second dish installed for free (included extra materials that may be needed, that were promised to be free from customer service). Or to get compensated appropriately. Furthermore it seems that when a problem arises, Dishnetwork tries to blame the local retailer and vice versa. I fear that if this merger goes through it will just increase the 'local Channel' problem and affect other consumers. Plus there are probably other unknown problems that may arise and will leave consumers with confusion, frustration, paying for something that they are not fully receiving (i.e. my situation) and worst of all loss of signal and having to wait too long to get someone out to fix problem(i.e. my situation again)!!! There are too many real and possible future problems!!!! DO NOT ALLOW MERGER TO GO THROUGH, IT WILL DO YOUR CONSTITUTES AND CONSUMERS A HUGE DISERVICE!!!

Sincerely,

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